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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHARTER AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN

1. AT US-ECAC-CANADA TALKS IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH,
SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA BENITO MENTIONED PRIVATELY
TO US DELEGATION MEMBERS THAT SPAIN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
NEGOTIATING LIBERAL CHARTER AGREEMENT, WITH COUNTRY-OF-
ORIGIN CHARTERWORTHINESS RULES. BENITO EXPRESSED PUZE-
MENT THAT OTHER ECAC MEMBER STATES HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY
US WITH CHARTER-AGREEMENT PROPOSALS, BUT NOT SPAIN.
BENITO WAS TOLD THAT US WOULD REVIEW SITUATION.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY ADVISE APPROPRIATE
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SPANISH OFFICIALS THAT US WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE POSSIBILITY
OF LIBERAL CHARTER AGREEMENT, MATTER IS NOT URGENT, SINCE
SPAIN HAS ACCEPTED US CHARTERS ON AD HOC BASIS WITHOUT
DIFFICULTIES. HOWEVER, WE AGREE THAT THERE IS DESIRABILITY
IN FORMALIZING REGIME. US WILL UNDERTAKE TO DRAFT A
PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY SPANISH. DEPENDING
ON WHEN DRAFT IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY FOR

TRANSMISSION OR BROUGHT TO MADRID BY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
FOR INFORMAL REVIEW WITH SPANISH.

3. FYI. DEPARTMENT HAS SOME CONCERN THAT SPANISH REQUEST

FOR CHARTER AGREEMENT MAY BE PART OF EFFORT TO INITIATE
BROADER TALKS THAT WOULD INCLUDE REQUEST BY SPANISH
FOR ADDITIONAL US TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR SCHEDULED SERVICE.
SPANISH MAY ALSO HAVE IN MIND RAISING OTHER ISSUES,
INCLUDING ONES THAT -- IF PRESSED IN NEGOTIATIONS -- WOULD
CREATE FRICTIONS IN WHAT IS NOW A GOOD WORKING RELATION-
SHIP. PROPOSAL IN PARA 2 RE PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF
CHARTER AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED IN PART TO DISCOURAGE
BROADENING OF TALKS. VANCE

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